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SUBJECT: CHILEAN DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS

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1. THE CHILEAN CHARGE IN SAN JOSE, BERNARDO R. GOMEZ RIVEROS, APPARENTLY A CAREER CHILEAN FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL, TOOK OVER THE CHILEAN EMBASSY HERE WHEN THE AMBASSADOR, RENE FRIAS OJEDA, LEFT FOR HIS COUNTRY ON SEPTEMBER 4, REPORTEDLY TO VISIT HIS WIFE AND DAUGHTER. ACCORDING TO THE CHARGE'S REPORTED COMMENTS IN THE PRESS FRIAS WILL NOT RETURN TO SAN JOSE.

2. GOMEZ RIVEROS' PUBLIC REACTION SINCE THE COUP HAS BEEN TO RELEASE TWO PRESS STATEMENTS. THE FIRST CRITICIZED THE LARGE NUMBER OF FOREIGNERS WITH EXTREMIST SYMPATHIES IN CHILE WHO PRESUMABLY HAD HAD SOME INTEREST IN FURTHER DETERIORATION OF THE SOCIETY. THE SECOND RELEASE ISSUED SEPTEMBER 18 TRIED TO CORRECT THE IMPRESSION CREATED BY THE FIRST THAT ALL FOREIGNERS IN CHILE WERE EXTREMISTS. THE CHARGE REPORTEDLY POINTED OUT THAT THE GREAT MAJORITY OF FOREIGNERS IN CHILE ARE THOSE WHO HAVE

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CONTRIBUTED TO THE COUNTRY, WHO HAVE NOT INVOLVED
THEMSELVES IN INTERNAL POLITICS AND THUS WILL BE GIVEN
PROTECTION BY THE GOVERNMENT. HE EMPHASIZED THAT
CHILE WOULD CONTINUE TO WELCOME COSTA RICANS.
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